

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY INSTRUMENT WITH
OFF-AXIS LIGHT INSERTION INTO CAVITY

PATENT APPLICATION

Group Art Unit: 2877

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Preliminary Amendment

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the first Office action, Applicants amend
the specification as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 5, immediately preceding the section
entitled "TECHNICAL FIELD", insert the following new section
containing a heading and a single new paragraph:

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STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED
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This invention was made with Government support
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